

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of April 29, 2019


MARC Rail Sector Plan, Compensation and Benefits, Union Contracts, FY20 Recommended Operating Budget, and Hearing Examiner's Report & Recommendation for Local Map Amendment H-129 for 9920 Georgia Ave. & 2106 Belvedere Blvd. in Silver Spring

Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

-  On Tuesday, April 23 the Council meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with interviews for applicants to serve on the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. Councilmember Albornozy will also present a proclamation recognizing 100 Years of Easter Seals.

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Local Map Amendment H-129 for Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map for the properties located at 9920 Georgia Avenue and 2016 Belvedere Boulevard in Silver Spring

On April 30 at 10:15 a.m. the Council will review a report and recommendation on Local Map Amendment Application (LMA) H-129. Montgomery Housing Partnership Forest Glen, LLC, filed LMA Application H-129 with the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings, seeking a Local Map Amendment to reclassify 2.634 acres. On December 27, 2018, the applicant amended its application to seek reclassification of its property to a Commercial Residential Town Floating Zone. The property is owned by the applicant and is currently developed with 72 garden apartments known as the Forest Glen Apartments. The applicant seeks to redevelop the property by removing the existing improvements and constructing two new linked residential buildings with approximately 220 residential units, of which most would be affordable, and a minimum of 20 percent would be Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs). Structured parking for

about 250 vehicles would also be provided. The applicant's commitment to 20 percent MPDUs is included as a binding element in the final Floating Zone Plan. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190430/20190430_4A.pdf



MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan

The Council will review the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan. This limited master plan examines the land uses, zoning, design and multimodal access to the two MARC stations located in Boyds and Germantown. The plan does the following:

- determines the appropriate land uses and densities at sites near each station;
- provides recommendations to improve multimodal access to each station (using information gathered during the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the Bicycle Master Plan to help inform the access portion of this plan);
- considers other concerns raised during the planning process (i.e. parking).

Casey Anderson, Chair of the Montgomery Planning Board, Gwen Wright, Director of the Montgomery Planning Department and other representatives of the Montgomery Planning Department are expected to attend. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190430/20190430_4B.pdf



Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Operating Budget: Compensation and Benefits for All Agencies

The Council will continue its review compensation and benefits for all agencies in the FY20 Recommended Operating Budget which includes Montgomery County Government, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Montgomery College (MC) and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). Council staff will be available to discuss and answer questions on :

- overall budget and compensation context;
- analysis of the FY20 agency requests for pay adjustments, retirement and group insurance;
- the Executive's FY19 recommended Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Savings Plan;
- compensation cost sustainability; and
- other compensation issues.

The Executive's FY20 recommended tax supported aggregate operating budget is \$4.996 billion, an increase of 2.3 percent above the FY19 amount. Across the four County-funded agencies, employee compensation costs (consisting of salaries and wages as well as benefits) comprise 80 percent of all agency operating expenditures. As such, the cost of government is driven by both the number of employees and the cost per employee. Since compensation costs are the dominant factor in the cost of providing County services, the long-term sustainability of County agency operating budgets is dependent upon maintaining a balance between compensation cost growth and revenue growth.

Overall, the four County-funded agencies have requested tax supported FY20 operating budgets with a combined \$3.56 billion for employee pay as well as employee and retiree benefits. The aggregate total request for employee/retiree compensation is up by 2.6 percent as compared to FY19. However, there is significant variation among agencies. The County Executive recommends a 4.8 percent increase in compensation costs for the County Government while the Montgomery College Board of Trustees have requested a 0.2 percent increase. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190430/20190430_7-8.pdf



Resolution to indicate Council's intent to approve or reject provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lodge 35; the Municipal and County Government Employees' Organization (MCGEO), Local 1994; and the Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1664

The Council is scheduled to vote on resolutions indicating their intent to approve or reject provisions of the County government's collective bargaining agreements for the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Municipal County Government Employees

Organization (MCGEO). Under the County Employees Labor Relations Law, the Council must review the terms or conditions of each final collective bargaining agreement requiring an appropriation of funds or enactment, repeal or modification of a County law or regulation. On or before May 1, unless the Council extends this deadline, the Council must indicate by resolution its intention to appropriate funds for or otherwise implement the agreement or its intention not to do so and state its reasons for any intent to reject any part of an agreement. The Council is not bound by the agreement on those matters over which the Council has final approval. The Council may address contract items individually rather than on an all-or-nothing basis.

If the Council indicates its intention to reject or opts not to fund any item, it must designate a representative to meet with the parties and present the Council's views in their further negotiations. The parties must submit the results of any further negotiations, or impasse procedures if the parties cannot agree on a revised contract, to the Council by May 10 (unless the May 1 date was extended). For information on the terms of the collective bargaining agreements, see the Council staff report at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190430/20190430_9-11.pdf



Resolution to indicate Council's intent to approve or reject provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA)

The Council is scheduled to vote on resolutions indicating their intent to approve or reject provisions of the County government's collective bargaining agreement for the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA). The Public Safety (PS) Committee recommends approval of each provision of the agreement subject to Council review. Key discussion points include the following:

- Association operating funds: \$255,037 for an increase of \$4386 over FY19
- Upgraded uniforms and equipment: \$135,000 or the same as FY19
- Nominal fee: \$607,868 for an increase of \$20,923 over FY19
- Volunteer basic orientation course: \$21,000 or the same as FY19
- Training: \$15,000 or the same as FY19

The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190430/20190430_12.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held on Tuesday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m.



Expedited Bill 9-19, Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust – Delegation of Duties

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 9-19, Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust – Delegation of Duties. Council President Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor, at the request of the Board of Trustees for the Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust. The goal of this bill is to better align the roles and responsibilities of the Board and its staff in the oversight of the investment program and to further enhance the efficiency of the operation of the program. A Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190430/20190430_5.pdf



Special Appropriation and Amendment to Montgomery County Public Schools FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program - \$7,500,000 for Current Replacements/Modernizations (Seneca Valley High School)

The Council will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2019-2024 CIP and transfer of unexpended project balances within MCPS' FY19 Capital Budget from the MCPS Local Unliquidated Surplus Account in the amount of \$7.5 million to Current Revitalizations/Expansions (Seneca Valley High School). On March 8, the Council received a request from the Board of Education to transfer \$7.5 million from several projects to the Current Revitalizations/Expansions project to provide funding for the build-out

of space for the Career and Technology program at Seneca Valley High School as part of its Current Replacements/Modernizations Project. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190430/20190430_6.pdf

COMMITTEE

Staff reports for Committee items on May 1-3 will be available two days before the meetings.



Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee

On April 29 at 9:30 a.m. the GO Committee will meet to review the following Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Operating Budgets and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Amendments:

• County Executive

The Office of the County Executive provides leadership to the community and administrative direction to the County's departments and offices. The office supports the County Executive and the Chief Administrative Officer as they carry out their responsibilities to residents and employees of the County. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$6 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_GO1.pdf

• County Attorney

The mission of the Office of the County Attorney is to act as the chief legal officer of the County government and to conduct all its legal business. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$6.4 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_GO2.pdf

• Inspector General

The mission of the Office of the Inspector General is to promote the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County government and independent County agencies, prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse in government activities, and propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal and ethical accountability of County government and County-funded agencies. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$1.2 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_GO3.pdf

• Office of Management and Budget

The mission of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is to offer a broad-based, objective perspective on a range of public and fiscal policies to the County Executive, Council and other County partners. The analytical work performed in OMB provides policymakers with data and options for decision-making. OMB is responsible for ensuring funds are spent in a fiscally prudent and socially responsible way. OMB also ensures that departmental expenditures are made in accordance with Executive policies and Council appropriations, and are consistent with the County Charter. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$5.2 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_GO4.pdf

• Office of Procurement

The Office of Procurement's mission is to preserve the public trust and ensure that the integrity of the County's procurement process is efficient and cost effective. The office oversees the procurement of goods, services and construction for all Executive Branch departments and agencies. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$4.5 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_GO5.pdf

• Office of Legislative Oversight and Independent Audit Non-Departmental Account (NDA)

The mission of the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) is to determine the effectiveness of legislation enacted by the County Council and to make findings and recommendations concerning the performance,

management and operation of programs and functions for which funds are appropriated or approved by the Council. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$1.9 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_GO6.pdf

- **Council Office NDA**

This NDA provides funding for personnel and operating expenses associated with Council office operations. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$12,461,441. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_GO7-8.pdf

- **Legislative Branch Communications Outreach NDA**

This NDA provides funds to strengthen the capacity of five Legislative Branch offices (the Council Office, the Office of Legislative Oversight, the Board of Appeals, the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Inspector General) to inform residents of issues that directly affect them and to ensure that these communities' concerns are effectively taken into account. Communications efforts supported by this NDA include expanded outreach in Spanish and other languages, greater use of web and social media resources, Open Government initiatives and improved management of resident requests. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$890,000. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_GO7-8.pdf



- **Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee**

On April 29 at 9:30 a.m. the HHS Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

- **Children, Youth and Family Services**

The mission of Children, Youth and Family Services is to promote opportunities for children to grow up safe, healthy and ready for school and for families and individuals to achieve well-being and self-sufficiency. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$84,997,795. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

- **East County Opportunity Zone**

The East County Opportunity Zone is a project which aims to build a network that supports workforce development, health and wellness and parent engagement in an under-served community. It provides assistance with eviction prevention, utility disconnection prevention, child care services, vocational employment assistance, senior services, behavioral health services and assistance with physical health. The Council staff report will be available before Monday at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_index.pdf

- **Kresge Opportunity Ecosystem Grant and Supplemental Appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget, \$291,473 for the Kresge Foundation Opportunity Ecosystem Grant**

The Council staff report will be available before Monday at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_index.pdf

- **Aging and Disability Services**

The mission of Aging and Disability Services is to provide services and resources to help seniors, persons with disabilities and their families remain fully participating members of our community. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$52,710,366. The Council staff report will be available before Monday at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_index.pdf

- **Behavioral Health and Crisis Services**

The mission of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services (BHCS) is to promote the behavioral health and well-being of County residents. BHCS works to promote mental wellness, prevent substance abuse and suicide, and to ensure access to a comprehensive treatment and recovery system of effective services and support for children, youth and families, and those in crisis or with behavioral health needs. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$45,234,895. The Council staff report will be available before Monday at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_index.pdf



- **Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee**

On April 29 at 2 p.m. the T&E Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

- **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)**

WSSC is a bi-county governmental agency established in 1918 by an Act of the Maryland General Assembly. It provides water and sanitary sewer service in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, which includes most of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. In Montgomery County, only the Town of Poolesville and portions of the City of Rockville are outside of the District. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$817.4 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_TE1.pdf

- **Environmental Protection - General Fund and Water Quality Protection Fund (including Water Quality Protection Charge)**

The mission of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is to enhance the quality of life in our community by protecting and improving Montgomery County's air, water and land in a sustainable way while fostering smart growth, a thriving economy and healthy communities. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget Water Quality Protection is \$28.86 million and the recommended budget for the General Fund is \$3.1 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_TE2.pdf

- **Environmental Protection- Solid Waste Services and Solid Waste Service Charges**

The total recommended FY20 Operating Budget for the Division of Solid Waste Services is \$117.2 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_TE3.pdf

- **Utilities**

The goals of County government related to utility consumption are to:

- achieve energy savings by the elimination of wasteful or inefficient operation of building systems;
- continue improvements in energy efficiency in all County operations; and
- obtain required energy fuels at the most favorable cost to the County.

The Department of General Services manages the payment for more than 1,500 separately metered utility accounts for these County facilities, streetlights and traffic control signalized intersections. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget Water Quality Protection is \$26 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_TE4.pdf

- **CIP Amendments: Stormwater Management and Storm Drains**

The T&E Committee will close out its meeting by reviewing and making recommendations on various Storm Drain and Stormwater Management project amendments recommended by the County Executive. Adam Ortiz, Director of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and other representatives of DEP and the Office of Management and Budget are expected to attend.

The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_TE5-6.pdf



Education and Culture (E&C) Committee

On April 29 at 2 p.m. the E&C Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

• Takoma Park Library Annual Payment NDA

The annual amount provided in this NDA is a function of County expenditures for County Public Libraries (as a share of property tax-funded spending) and the City of Takoma Park's assessable base. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$188,329. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_EC1.pdf

• Historical Activities NDA

This NDA provides funding for the Historical Society to support the Society's Education Program staff, educational and outreach programs for County residents, and to maintain the Historical Society's research library and museums. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$150,000. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_EC2.pdf

• Libraries

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) offers free and equal access to library services and resources that connect the people of Montgomery County to ideas and information which sustain and enrich their lives. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$43 million. The Council staff report can be viewed at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190429/20190429_EC3.pdf



GO and Public Safety (PS) Committees

On April 30 at 3 p.m. the GO and PS Committees will meet jointly to review CIP Amendments- Master Lease: Digital Evidence Storage. The County Executive has requested funds for a new project in the CIP that will allow for the purchase of expanded digital memory to store the increasing amounts of digital evidence in the State Attorney's Office. Council staff recommendations are as follows:

1. Request that the Committees be provided with an update, including expected technology migrations and funding envelopes for the Strategic Plan that will address long-term storage needs for the State's Attorney's Office as well as other departments.
2. Endorse the Executive's recommendation of \$750,000 for the Digital Evidence Data Storage program in FY20 and recommend its full funding to the Council.

The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190430/20190430_GOPS1.pdf



Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) and E&C Committees

On May 1 at 9:30 a.m. the PHED and E&C Committees will meet jointly to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

• NDA: WorkSource Montgomery

WorkSource Montgomery is the private non-profit corporation authorized by Council Resolution 18-295 as the County's designated workforce development corporation. WorkSource Montgomery, Inc. has been designated to implement the County's workforce development policies established by the Workforce Development Board to promote job growth and talent attraction. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$1,809,594.

• CIP Amendment: Shared Agency Booking System replacement

The Council staff report will be available on Monday at:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html>

- **Recreation After School Programs**

The Committees will review the operating budgets for after school programs under the Department of Recreation. The Council staff report will be available on Monday at:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html>



- **Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee**

On May 1 at 1 p.m. the PHED Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

- **Office of Agriculture**

The mission of the Office of Agriculture (OAG) is to promote agriculture as a viable component of the County's economic sector, as well as to preserve farmland as a resource for future agricultural production. The goal of the OAG is to promote the County as a leader in the agricultural industry by providing support to our farm community and working to educate our residents. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$966,373.

- **Conference Center NDA**

This NDA funds the following: a full-time position to manage the operational and fiscal oversight of the Conference Center complex at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center; non-routine repairs, alterations, improvements, renewals and replacements; and the designated reserve required by the management agreement with Marriott International, Inc. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$662,514.

- **Conference and Visitor's Bureau NDA**

The Conference and Visitors Bureau promotes the County as a destination for meetings and conferences, student group travel, group tours, leisure travel and amateur sports events. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$1.58 million.

- **Economic Development Fund**

The mission of the Economic Development Fund (EDF) is to assist private employers who are located, plan to locate, or substantially expand operations in the County. Each program under the EDF is administered by the Department of Finance. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$5.5 million.

- **Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation NDA**

This is the private non-profit corporation established by Bill 25-15 that serves as Montgomery County's lead economic development organization. The Economic Development Corporation is responsible for implementing the County's economic development strategic plan and related programs that include marketing, business retention and attraction, entrepreneurship, and promoting the development of the County's economic base. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$5 million.

- **Incubator Programs - Economic Development Partnership NDA**

This NDA provides for facility lease payments and facility, program, and portfolio management services for the County's Business Innovation Network (BIN) facilities, and program funding for the Business Incubator Without Walls Program (for Wheaton and Down County area). The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$2,592,917.



- **PS Committee**

On May 1 at 2 p.m. the PS Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

- **Correction and Rehabilitation**

The mission of the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR) is to protect and serve the residents of Montgomery County and the general public by providing progressive and comprehensive correctional, rehabilitative and community re-entry services. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$70.8 million.

- **Police Department**

The mission of the Department of Police is to safeguard life and property, preserve the peace, prevent and detect crime, enforce the law, and protect the rights of all residents. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget for the Department of Police is \$295,232,312, an increase of \$15,193,981 or 5.43 percent from the FY19 Approved Budget of \$280,038,331.

- **Prisoner Services NDA**

This NDA provides reimbursements to physicians and hospitals for medical care provided to individuals in the custody of any County law enforcement agency, The Department of Police manages this account with the assistance of the County Attorney. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$20,000.



HHS Committee

On May 2 at 9:30 a.m. the HHS Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

- **Office of Human Rights**

The mission of the Office of Human Rights is to enforce Federal, State and County anti-discrimination laws in housing, commercial real estate, employment, public accommodations and intimidation; and promote increased understanding and tolerance among diverse groups. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$1.3 million.

- **Health and Human Services (continued)**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) assures delivery of a full array of services to address the somatic and behavioral health, economic and housing security, and other emergent needs of Montgomery County residents. To achieve this, DHHS develops and implements policies, procedures, programs and services that: 1) offer customer-focused direct care and supports; 2) maximize financial and staffing resources to deliver services through effective management, coordination and pursuit of strategic funding opportunities; 3) pilot and evaluate innovative approaches to service delivery and systems integration; and 4) develop, enhance and maintain a broad network of community-based organizations, public agencies, and private entities to promote and sustain partnerships, which increase the availability of needed services. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$323.6 million.



GO Committee

On May 2 at 9:30 a.m. the GO Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

- **Board of Elections (continued)**

The GO Committee will continue its review of the Recommended FY20 Operating Budget for the Board of Elections. The mission of the Board of Elections is to register voters, conduct elections, assist persons seeking elective office with candidate filings and campaign fund reports, assist citizens seeking to place questions on the ballot and preserve election data. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$8.1 million.

- **NDA: Charter Review Commission**

Section 509 of the County Charter requires that a Charter Review Commission be appointed by the County Council every four years, within six months of the Council assuming office, for the purpose of reviewing the Charter. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$1,150.

- **Intergovernmental Relations**

The mission of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations is to represent County interests at the regional, State, and Federal levels; to prepare the annual State Legislative Program; to prepare the annual Federal priorities request; and to be the liaison with State Government, and the County's State and Congressional delegations. The Office is the lead Executive Branch agency representing the County before the Maryland Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$1.2 million.

- **Property tax options: amount, rate, and Income Tax Offset Credit**

The staff report for this item will be available on April 29.

- **Community Engagement Cluster (continued)**

The Community Engagement Cluster (CEC) works to build stronger, more informed, and inclusive communities. The Cluster is responsible for strengthening Montgomery County's commitment to civic engagement and community service by engaging residents, organizations, businesses and other community groups. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$4.8 million.

- **Merit System Protection Board**

The mission of the Merit System Protection Board is to oversee the merit system and protect employee and job applicant rights guaranteed under the merit system law. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$259,443.

- **Ethics Commission**

The Ethics Commission promotes the public's trust of County government and ensures the impartiality of County employees, including elected officials, in the execution of their responsibilities. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$469,955.

- **NDAs: County Associations, Public Technology, Inc., Council of Governments, and Boards, Committees, Commissions; Inauguration and Transition**

The County Associations NDA funds County membership dues to the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo). The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$74,728.

Funds are budgeted each year to continue membership in Public Technology, Inc. (PTI) as the County's research and development link with the National Association of Counties. Annual dues cover research and development assistance for innovative projects; access to a computerized information-sharing network; and membership in the Urban Consortium. The County participates in, and has received grants as a result of, initiatives in task forces on energy, solid waste, and telecommunications. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$20,000.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is a voluntary association of major local governments in the Washington Metropolitan Area. COG seeks to provide regional answers to, and coordination of, area-wide issues such as air and water pollution, day care, housing, crime, water supply, land use and transportation. This NDA reflects Montgomery County's share of the organization's operation plus special COG initiatives. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$1,582,391.

There are approximately 75 boards, committees and commissions, created by law or resolution, which serve the County for a variety of purposes. The Boards, Committees and Commissions NDA provides for the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by eligible members of boards, committees or commissions while on official business and/or for expenses related to the establishment of any new boards, committees, or commissions. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$22,950.

The Montgomery County Charter provides for the quadrennial election of a County Executive and Council. This NDA provides for a ceremony and smooth transition of the County Executive and Council every four years. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$0 as there are no elections or transitions taking place.



T&E Committee

On May 2 at 2 p.m. the T&E Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

• Transportation (continued)

The T&E Committee will continue its review of the operating budget and CIP amendments for the Department of Transportation (DOT). The mission of DOT General Fund-supported programs is to provide an effective and efficient transportation system to ensure the safe and convenient movement of persons and vehicles on County roads; to plan, design and coordinate development and construction of transportation and pedestrian routes; to operate and maintain the traffic signal system and road network in a safe and efficient manner; and to develop and implement transportation policies to maximize efficient service delivery. The General Fund supports programs in the Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations, the Division of Parking Management, the Division of Highway Maintenance, the Division of Transportation Engineering, the Division of Transit Services and the Director's Office. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$52.9 million.



E&C Committee

On May 2 at 2 p.m. the E&C Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

• Arts and Humanities Council NDA

This NDA provides funding for the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, the County's designated local arts agency. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$5,356,943.

• CIP: Public Arts Trust

The purpose of the Public Arts Trust is to incorporate art into public facilities and sponsor privately-funded temporary or permanent displays of art on public property. The trust's six-year expenditures have totaled \$1.16 million.

• Cost Sharing - MCG, State Match Community Grants and Arts Capital Grants

County government cost sharing provides funds for the development of non-governmental projects in conjunction with public agencies or the private sector. County participation leverages private and other public funds for these facilities. Prior to disbursing funds, the relevant County department or agency and the private organization will develop a Memorandum of Understanding, which specifies the requirements and responsibilities of each. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$36.79 million.

• MCPS - CIP amendments follow up

The E&C Committee will follow up on amendments to MCPS' CIP. The staff report from the last meeting can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190211/20190211_EC2.pdf

• Special appropriation and amendment to MCPS' FY19-24 CIP - \$7,500,000 for Current Replacements/Modernizations

See the second item in the Public Hearings section of this document.

• **Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) (continued)**

The E&C Committee will continue its review of the Recommended FY20 Operating Budget for MCPS. MCPS operates a Countywide system of public schools for students from pre-kindergarten through high school. The Board of Education requested a total of \$2.662 billion for the FY20 MCPS Operating Budget, an increase of \$65.6 million or 2.5 percent compared to FY19. The Board has requested a local contribution that is \$17 million above the amount required by the State's Maintenance of Effort (MOE) law.

The County Executive recommends a total of \$2.648 billion for the FY20 MCPS operating budget, an increase of \$51.1 million or two percent over FY19. The County Executive's recommendation is \$14.5 million below the Board's request. The County Executive recommends a local contribution that is \$2.5 million above the required MOE funding level. Neither the Board's request nor the County Executive's recommendation include the potential impact of additional State funding in FY20 from the recently passed Kirwan legislation.

The County also supports the operations of the school system through \$160.6 million in expenditures of other departments. For example, school health services, childhood wellness and Linkages to Learning programs are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services; research and internet resources are made available in the Montgomery County Public Libraries; crossing guards are provided by the Department of Police; sports academies for youth are sponsored by the Department of Recreation; reimbursements for classrooms and school sports fields rented by residents are made available by Community Use of Public Facilities; and M-NCPPC provides maintenance of MCPS ballfields. The recommended operating budget also includes \$154.9 million in FY20 to pay debt service on MCPS capital construction projects.

At a press conference on April 24, Council President Navarro announced that she had worked together with County Executive Elrich, School Board President Evans and Superintendent Smith to fully fund the MCPS budget for fiscal year 2020 with \$5 million in new funding from the State and savings from MCPS.



HHS and E&C Committees

On May 3 at 9:30 p.m. the HHS and E&C Committees will meet jointly to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

• **Early Care and Education Services, Child Care Subsidies, and Partnerships (continued)**

The HHS and E&C Committees will meet jointly to continue their review of the following FY20 Operating Budget and CIP Amendments:

○ **Early Childhood Care and Education Services**

This program focuses on increasing the quality of early care and education programs available to young children throughout the County through technical assistance, consultation, and training for child care providers. Family Support Services' focus is on the development of strategies to increase the supply of quality early care, education programs, and services. The FY20 Recommended Budget is \$4,338,408. For the Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative the FY20 Recommended Budget is \$716,159.

○ **Child Care Subsidies Program**

This program is part of the Office of Eligibility and Support Services, which administers the County's Working Parents Assistance (WPA) Program that provides child care subsidy for County residents who are over the income eligibility for the Maryland Child Care Subsidy Program. The FY20 Recommended Budget for the Child Care Subsidies Program is \$3,303,475.

○ **Partnerships**

DHHS administers various contracts, which are delivered by public and private partners that are educational in nature and/or involve collaboration with the school system. These contracts are

included in the Child and Adolescent Community and School-Based Services program in Children, Youth, and Family Services.



PHED Committee

On May 3 at 2 p.m. the PHED Committee will meet to review the following Recommended FY20 Operating Budgets and CIP Amendments:

- **Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) (continued)**

The PHED Committee will continue its review of the operating budget for M-NCPPC, which manages the County's physical growth and plans communities; protects and stewards natural, cultural and historical resources; and provides leisure and recreational experiences. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$155.5 million.

- **Recreation (continued, if needed)**

The PHED Committee also will continue its review of the operating budget for the Department of Recreation, if necessary. The mission of the Department of Recreation is to provide high quality, diverse and accessible programs, services and facilities that enhance the quality of life for all ages, cultures and abilities. The total recommended FY20 Operating Budget for the Department of Recreation is \$43,611,916, an increase of \$4,826,864 or 12.45 percent from the FY19 Approved Budget of \$38,785,052.

- **Urban Districts**

Urban Districts support and enhance the County's unincorporated downtowns (Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Wheaton) as prosperous, livable urban centers by maintaining streetscape and its investments; providing additional public amenities such as plantings, seating, shelters and works of art; promoting the commercial and residential interests of these areas; and programming cultural and community activities. The Recommended FY20 Operating Budget is \$9.1 million.